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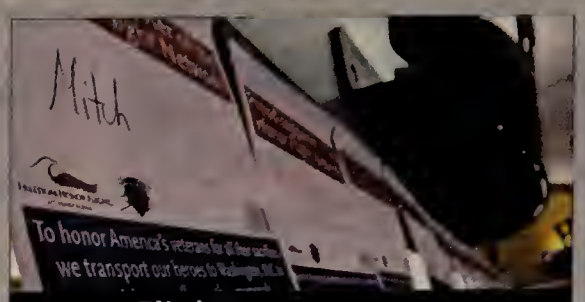

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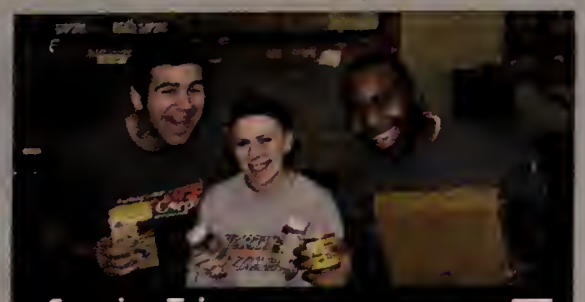

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Tuition decision a battle of costs versus revenue

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Every year when tuition is set, students only see the numbers and not the balancing act that is at play between expenses and revenue.

Edith Waldstein

Wartburg relies mostly on tuition to cover the bulk of its expenses, with tuition generating over 70 percent of the college's revenue, Edith Waldstein, vice president of enrollment management, said.

The college also receives revenue from places such as the Den and the Zesty Orange, as well as from "The W." Waldstein said the college is always looking for more ways to increase revenue as a means to keep tuition as low as possible.

"When you're a traditional residential liberal arts college, there aren't that many levers to pull," Waldstein said. "You have to start thinking about yourself in a different way almost."

The college monitors its benchmark and competitor schools to see if any new programs have been added that also could possibly work at Wartburg.

Waldstein said that while there is a continuous conversation about adding new streams of revenue, it is not that often that the ideas produced are in solid alignment with the college's mission.

"The things that come up every once in a while are things like should we have selective master's degree programs? Not to become a research institution by any means, or a master's-offering institution, but maybe a couple," Waldstein said.

"Another idea that gets tossed around every once in a while is if we should be offering professional development programs in the summer for working adults,

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The Board of Regents announced the total cost for the 2012-13 school year while students were on winter break. Students who live on campus will pay $41,055 to attend Wartburg next year.

The figure is a nearly five percent increase over this year's total cost of $39,110. Last year total costs increased by 5.7 percent.

President Darrell Colson said the increase is based on the expected expenses the college will incur next year.

"We recommended to the Board of Regents an increase that was just large enough to enable us to meet the increased expenses we know we'll incur next year and to provide a slight margin that we can use for additional investments in the quality of the college experience for students," Colson said.

Tuition will be set at $31,890 for next year. Student services and the lowest room rate are $850 and $3,985 respectively, the same rates they were for this school year. Full board increased from $4,245 to $4,330.

Colson said the college needs to cover an anticipated $2.8 million, stemming from an expected $2.2 million increase in financial aid and $600,000 to cover a faculty and staff salary increase.

Wartburg's pooled endowment at the end of 2011 was $44 million. The college can use 4.5 percent of its endowment toward the operating budget. Colson said the college has planned to campaign to add funds to the endowment.

"In our planning we have identified scholarships as a key element," Colson said. "I think that a prudent campaign would seek to raise money not only for the endowment but also for annually funded scholarships that can have an immediate impact on students.

Edith Waldstein, vice president of enrollment management, said to help offset the increasing cost, Wartburg does not reduce students' financial aid.

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Student arrested for incidents on campus and at bar

Will be charged with four misdemeanors after fight at Fainting Goat

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A Wartburg student was arrested Sunday morning in relation to incidents that occurred in Founders Hall and the Fainting Goat parking lot.

Martin Hyatte, a second year student from Rockford Ill., is charged with four misdemeanors related to fighting and assault, according to a statement released by Waverly Police.

Around 12:30 a.m., Waverly Police responded to Wartburg in reference to an assault and located Hyatte after a short search. He was arrested for assault on a peace officer causing injury and interference with official acts causing injury, which are both aggravated misdemeanors.

He was also charged with two more misdemeanors of public intoxication and disorderly conduct stemming from a fight that occurred in the Fainting Goat parking lot.

Tyson Beach, the manager at the Fainting Goat present during the fight, said Hyatte became angry when someone called his girlfriend a name.

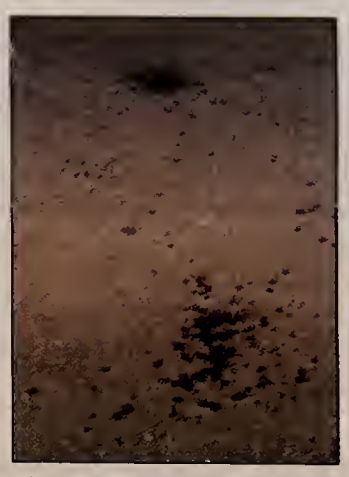
"She was trying to cut in line, and somebody called her a [expletive], and that was pretty much the trigger for the fight," Beach said. "[Hyatte] didn't like that and he punched the guy."

Beach said more people were injured when they tried to intervene and stop the fight, including one man who went to the ground and was hurt badly.

"It was kind of a bad situation all around," Beach said. "If we ever see a fight we always get them out, and if the fight escalates we will call the police."

"We want to make it a safe environment for everybody there. We want people to be able to enjoy themselves and have a good time, they shouldn't be subjected to fighting."

Hyatte was held to go in front of a magistrate. At press time it was currently unknown if he posted bail.



Blood splattered in the parking lot of the Fainting Goat from Sunday morning's incident.
— Drew Shradel/*TRUMPET*

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News

Wartburg Dance Maranthon volunteers hold up the signs showing that this year's Dance Marathon raised $27,877.48 for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, which is part of the Iowa Children's Miracle Network. The dancing volunteers raised the money through online fundraising and asking friends, family members andthe general public for donations. — **Matt Cunard**/*TRUMPET*

Students react to tuition increase

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When Wartburg announced the rise in tuition in 2009, student body president and vice president Travis Bockenstedt and Abhay Nadipuram organized Project Orange.

Project Orange was an organized protest event that was conducted in order to bring certain issues to the attention of the administration.

Some of the grievances outlined by the students were campus sustainability, technology and ITS funding and residence hall improvements.

Tuition, financial aid and the budget and how those things affected students were also topics brought to light.

Students skipped class on this "Outfly for a Cause."

During that day orange flags that normally mark gas and cable lines covered the lawn outside of Luther Hall, each with something that a student was upset about.

The outspokenness of the students that year granted Bockenstedt a meeting with the president of the school to talk over the things that were bothering students.

As has been reported Wartburg has increased tuition to $31,890. The total cost with the least expensive room and board is $41,055 . So far, there have been no protests.

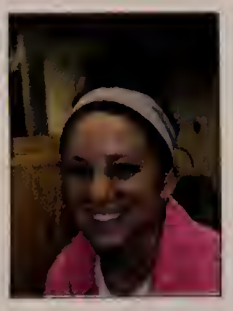
Newly elected Student Senate vice president Josh Trueblood said he and next year's president Hollis Hanson-Pollock will have a close relationship with the administration on the matter, and that with the rise in tuition, students should be getting what their money is worth.

"If we have a rise in tuition, we should see a rise in the quality of education and the quality of student life on campus," Trueblood said. "If students don't see that, that is why the rise in tuition is upsetting."

While some students have posted their grievances on social media, others have said that since they expected it to happen, they were okay with it. The following are quotes from students about the recent tuition increase.

"I just wonder why our financial aid package hasn't changed in our four years when our tuition changes. "
-Brian Rasmussen

I knew there was going to be a rise, so I'm okay with it I guess."
-Hannah Strandberg



"I don't know if there is anything to stop cost, but maybe show us where the extra costs are going to."
-Kelli Anderson

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Financial aid is college's largest yearly expense

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for corporations, for business leaders."

Trying to add revenue is only half of the equation when it comes to setting tuition. The college also has to examine its projected expenses for the next year.

"I feel like we've held a steady course."
-Edith Waldstein

Rich Seggerman, chief business officer and treasurer, said that moving into next year most of the college's costs would be fairly similar to this year, with the exception of financial aid.

"Financial aid and faculty/staff salaries and benefits are the two largest expenses, with each being over one-third of the total expenses," Seggerman said.

The full-time tuition price for the 2012-13 academic year is $31,890, but that is not what students will pay, Seggerman said.

On average, students receive about 68 percent of the tuition price in aid that does not have to be repaid.

This is part of the reason financial aid costs have gone up.

In the mean time, the college will continue to function by carefully examining its expenses and revenues just as it has throughout the United States' economic troubles.

"We've been very successful, we've been very solid in terms of none of this up and down, even since the economy," Waldstein said. "I feel like we've held a steady course."

College builds in financial aid to help students out

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"A lot of colleges will continue to do a reevaluation of your aid every year," Waldstein said. "We will leave your aid where we put it when you first arrived at Wartburg."

Waldstein said the college gives students the aid they think the student will need to sustain the student so finances are not an issue.

"We give you the aid that we think you will need for four years knowing that number one, we won't decrease it, and number two, that it likely will decline as a percentage of the overall cost as you go through but still should be able to get you through four years," Waldstein said.

Colson said he would prefer if college prices didn't increase and identified with student concerns about rising costs, but said students are making a good investment for their future.

"When one compares the cost students incur in pursuing higher education to the effects that college will have on their prospects after graduation," Colson said. "There is just no question that college education is well worth the investment."

Event works to help students find their writing voices

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Elementary students from Waverly Shell Rock and St. Paul's were guests at Wartburg Friday as part of a Young Writer's Conference.

This first-time event was founded as a partnership between the college and the local schools as a way to meet a need for a program in the area, Mandie Sanderman, Center for Community Engagement employee, said.

Second, third and fourth graders attended several sessions throughout the day, two of which were run by Wartburg students in the elementary education field. Sanderman said the various sessions focused on anything from poetry or prose to even rap and limericks.

"Really, the day is designed to help those students explore their voice in writing, whatever form of writing it is that makes them happy," Sanderman said.

Kari Staack, a teacher at Wavery Shell Rock Elementary said creating the partnership with Wartburg was a no-brainer for her.

"It gave our students an opportunity to make a connection with young adults that can help shape them into lifelong learners," Staack said.

The conference was an excellent learning opportunity for Wartburg students as well, Sanderman said, as they got the opportunity to plan and present in a conference setting.

Kayla Vale, a student who presented, said the experience was definitely unique.

"I think this event is a great idea because it brings students to campus allowing us to work with them and it gives them additional support with their writing," Vale said.

Having programs like this is an important part of any young student's learning, especially for those interested in writing, Staack said.

Both Sanderman and Staack said they hope that the event becomes an annual happening on campus, as it is a mutually beneficial program with a tremendous amount of promise.

OPINION & EDITORIAL

TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

Tuition: serious sticker shock

All of campus is aware that tuition hikes have been announced, and students had to swallow a five percent increase this year. Next year the on campus students will be paying $41,055 minimum.

This number is pretty hard to take, especially when current students are already seeing seniors who are having difficulties finding post-grad jobs. It leaves a lot of students wondering where this "Be Orange" value number comes from, and whether or not it's worth the cost. However, one tuition factor reveals that tuition could have been much worse.

Wartburg bases their tuition at least partly on the tuition of our "bench mark" institutions, which include several other colleges and universities both in and outside of our conference. While not all of these schools have announced their tuition for the next year, those that have range from an average total cost of just over $30,000 to $46,000, and average out at $42,753.

While Wartburg is close to this median, we are just below it, which puts us in a competitive position with our bench marks. Many of these schools are those that we will be competing with in the professional world. They have the same amount of clout and respect the Wartburg name brings.

However, if Wartburg wants to continue attracting students they need to realize that prospective and current students don't care what the bench mark schools are doing. Sticker shock is real and Wartburg might be seeing the drawbacks of it unless tuition decreases soon.

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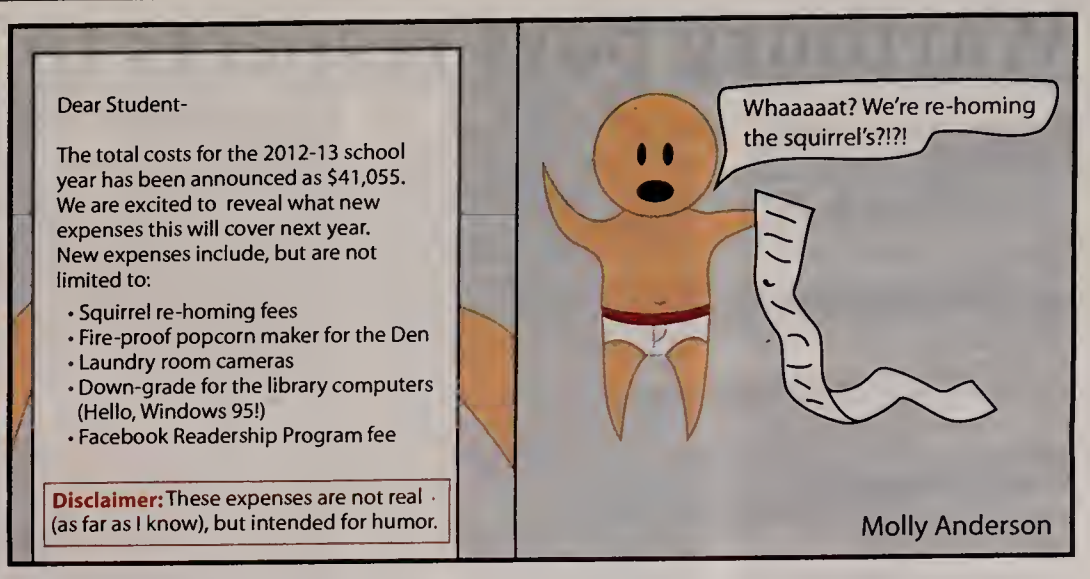

WHATS ON YOUR MIND:

Changing dorms to create 'green' accountability

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I am a crusader for the "be green" movement in America. It is obvious to me what people can do to this planet, both good and bad.

Chris Keninger

I find it interesting that awareness is key in the battle for conservation, preservation and the like, but sometimes it appears that no matter how much exposure an idea gets it will never reach everyone.

Often I walk into the community bathroom of Grossmann Hall appalled. I'm not just appallad because of the accumulation of filth or the disrespect that the constituents of the floor have for their place of residence and to those in charge of cleaning it. I'm not even appalled because the faucet and shower was left running for no apparent reason. All of these things enrage me because I think of accountability and how each is an example of Wartburg incidentally reinforcing bad habits.

Recently on campus a measure of waste to recycling has been kept, a decent attempt at awareness, which is key to accountability. This is a big step toward what could be an avenue for cutting our carbon footprint and yet it is given a blind eye as the data shows that some residence halls posted a lower than two percent recycling to waste percentage.

There is a lesson to be learned from all of this: petty incentives like an outdoor adventure are not enough to make people want to be accountable for their contribution to the dilemma that our society presumably faces. I propose that the incentives need to instead be turned into consequences.

In 2008, the Vatican announced that doing harm to the environment would be considered a serious sin. I'm not Catholic or even religious, but I like this move and I think Wartburg should follow a similar, but different, suit.

Tuition is rising at an alarming rate and some of that cost is in room and board. These costs can be cut in the future if students are charged by rate for their utility usage rather than up front for their water and energy consumption, just like the "real world." So as dormitories are updated in the future I think the school should consider certain measures to curb usage that would save money, hold students accountable and reduce the school's carbon footprint.

If every room had an electric meter that was tallied up each month the residences could see the damage and act to alter the amount they would have to pay each month. The college could even issue notices of over-usage. I think this premise is both terrifying and productive towards creating a conscientious consumer of energy.

Unfortunately water would not be able to be divided into an individual room basis in all facilities due to community bathrooms, but instead a floor, per capita figure, could be used. This would force the floor to be accountable for their water usage and then residents would have to act as watchdogs on one another to keep the bill from breaking the bank. Hopefully it would then become a rare occurrence to see a running faucet or shower without anyone around.

By implementing this method to measure utilities and using the compiled data to issue fiscal consequences, I see the opportunity for another kind of learning that teaches the valuable lesson of environmental responsibility.

Choice Words WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

Hey Campus Creepers,
You know what's neither funny nor scary? Throwing stuff at windows when I'm trying to do homework at 12:30 in the morning. Please grow up and do some homework of your own.
–Late night worker

Upon returning to Wartburg I realize why I miss home: the Internet and the toliet paper.
–Post-break blues

So... how long until Easter?
–Done with this semester...

Thanks to the guys who ate the last half of my birthday cake. Hope my girlfriend's effort was worth it.
–Un-baller

"I'm not saying alcohol is evil, but I can trace almost every problem everyone I've talked to this weekend has mentioned back to booze."
–Overheard in the Den

I don't think Wartburg should be allowed to talk to us about how much we're going to owe until we're all gainfully employed.
–Depressed enough already

"The most interesting thing about him is that he isn't an organ donor."
–Overhead in class

Dear Group members,
Yes, when I gave you a super short list to work on over break I REALLY meant ignore this list and just slack off. How'd you guess?
–Fed up with slackers

Kony 2012. Because research and facts are less important than guilt and revenge.
–My Little Kony

Den specials NO bang for your buck.
–Not eating for .5

Dear Wartburg,
Why isn't Walmart located directly on campus? How unaccomodating.
–You want me to leave the bubble?

I'm trying really hard to care about tuition, but I'm graduating, so it's pretty hard for me...
–Stinks to be an underclassman!

If you're sexy and you know it, you shouldn't have to play the song twice at a party.
–Garage DJ

I love the Girl Scouts selling their cookies straight out, no wait.
–Nom nom nom

Dear Waverly community,
Thank you for walking your dogs on campus to give me a dose of much needed cuteness, but I'd love it even more if you set up a puppy petting zoo.
–In serious need of a pet

Dear sunshine and nice weather,
Thank you so much for showing up literally the week after break...
–Don't we get a re-do?

I think I may need counseling after my exit loan counseling...
–Old Main jumper

The "Be Orange" Value doesn't seem to have much of an effect on whether or not I get an interview, so why did I pay this much again?
–Need a real job

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NEWS

Wartburg pays respects to World War II vets

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Slogging out of the airport terminal, around one hundred veterans were blown away when greeted by a red white and blue lobby that was overflowing with people including Wartburg students last May. This year's spring Honor Flight is scheduled to take dozens of veterans to visit the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. making it the fourth trip out of Waterloo.

"It's obvious. These people deserve our respect," Dan Kittle, director of the CCE, said. "What I see in students and what I see in those veterans returning is often the same thing in the sense that they don't recognize that they have that leadership in them."

Kittle's grandfather participated in an Honor Flight. He has been advocating these trips by donating his money and effort. He also takes his leadership class to attend the homecoming celebrations.

Veterans often do not believe they are special, Kittle said. He said he wants his students to be able to recognize veterans' gifts and their leadership.

Kittle said that is why he thinks the welcome home greeting is the most important part of their trip because it shows how much respect people have for their veterans.

"Emotions spilled out from every veteran when they saw the crowd," Lauren Mapes said, who was at the May event. "I did not realize how big of a difference our class made by welcoming home our local veterans."

Mapes said she did not have connections with veterans or soldiers in the past, but classmate Haddie Vawter said she found the evening to be meaningful because of her personal connections to soldiers who are currently in active duty.

"People tend to overlook the fact that these people are risking their lives," Vawter said. "I know Waverly was hurting last year when that 21 year old was killed in Afghanistan. It was a real reality check that makes me respect veterans more than ever."

Student Lauren Mapes donates to the May 15 flight at a Kwik Star gas station. The Honor Flight Network has flown over 81,000 veterans to Washington D.C. since 2005. **Emily Novotny/*TRUMPET***

Mapes said she believed the night would not be as successful without the community impact.

She said before the veterans arrived, she managed to talk to a couple that had no relation to anyone on board but still found it necessary to be there for the take-off ceremony at 6 a.m. along with the 10 p.m. homecoming ceremony.

"It is those people who do things out of the kindness of their heart, that still make the world go round," Mapes said. "I was inspired by not only the veterans' leadership, but the community's role as well."

What Kittle wanted for his students was to help them discover their own leadership skills, and Vawter and Mapes said they agree that this experience inspired them to use their own leadership abilities.

"The other day I was given the chance to donate a small amount to Honor Flights," Mapes said. "There was not a chance I was going to pass this up."

New honor society provides forum to share history research

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An honor society for history students is founding a chapter at Wartburg College. Phi Alpha Theta is a national program that promotes the study of history and good research to the organization's 350,000 members.

Erika Lindgren

Dr. Erika Lindgren, faculty adviser for Phi Alpha Theta, said that Wartburg has been interested in a chapter for some time, but has been unable to form one until the history department had three tenured or tenure track professors.

"Hopefully it will be a motivating force, giving incoming students something to strive for as well as providing members with the opportunity to share their research with others," Lindgren said. "Having the chapter will also support the major and raise its profile on campus. And of course, it does look good on one's resume to have been a member."

Members also receive a subscription to "The Historian," the society's journal, and have the opportunity to present their research at conferences.

Ten students make up the first inductees into the Alpha Xi Chi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Five additional students are associate members who are on track to meet the requirements for membership.

Phi Alpha Theta has a 3.0 GPA requirement of undergraduate students, 3.1 in history, and has a $40 initial fee. Lindgren said students have voted to not charge more for now, but that could change depending on future fundraising.

That money will be going toward attending regional Phi Alpha Theta conferences and other academic conferences. Lindgren said the group hopes to host a regional conference some day. They will also be coordinating with the Wartburg History Club.

The society has over 900 chapters nationally and initiates over 9,000 members annually. It is open to non-history majors. However, they require some college level experience with the subject.

"If you've earned 12 credits in history, [which] translates to four Wartburg credits, you must love history, so we are not limiting the membership," Lindgren said.

The chapter will be installed on March 24 during their first meeting. Dr. Timothy Westcott of Park University who serves as the National Representative for Phi Alpha Theta will attend.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH STUDENT SENATE

Here is what happened at our last meeting:

- **Edie Waldstein, the vice president of enrollment management, spoke about the process used to decide tuition.**
- **Senate awarded $200 each to Ben Porter, Kayla Kuennen and Amanda Woodin to attend the Sam Houston General Business Conference in Texas.**
- **Allocation applications are due Monday, March 19. Applications can be found on the Senate website.**
- **Congratulations to Katie Horrigan for winning Senator of the Month!**
- **Applications for next year's Acadmeic Ombudsperson, Administrative Ombudsperson and Executive Assistant for Diversity are due Friday, March 16.**

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 15.
Meetings take place at 11:30 a.m. in Buckmaster.
Everyone is welcome to join!

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Recycle Mania tournament offers prizes for students to get involved in waste management

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Wartburg College is one of 600 colleges and universities in Canada and the United States participating in the 2012 Recycle Mania Tournament.

Recycle Mania is a non-profit group that organizes colleges and universities to recycle and manage sustainability around the campus. Entering the third week of the tournament, Wartburg has progressed in ranking. For the Grand Champion category, Wartburg is listed as 240 out of 250 colleges and universities. Compared to the other seven categories that the college competes in, Wartburg ranks the highest in the paper and cardboard category which lists Wartburg as 71st out of 307 competitors.

Anne Duncan, environmental sustainability coordinator said since this is Wartburg's first time, the college does not set hard goals.

"We want to make the community aware about recycling and waste minimization, which is also the long-term goal for the college," Duncan said.

She also said the total waste Wartburg has recycled this year has nearly doubled from last year.

The college has reduced 13 tons of carbon-dioxide with regard to this competition. Last month, Wartburg recycled 1,500 pounds of paper.

Duncan said sustainability office staff have minimized the use of operation materials such as paper and are transitioning to a paperless office.

"For a month, two reams of paper can be saved by going paperless. It is equal with one thousand sheets of paper," Duncan said.

The sustainably office holds a recycling competition between residences in Wartburg.

"We use this residence competition as internal measurement of the amount of waste that the school has recycled. The residence that wins will be getting recreational equipment," Duncan said.

Recently the sustainability office did a trash audit. The result shows that 71 percent of the trash could have been recycled. That could have saved $35,000 per year.

"This statistic shows 71 percent of the Wartburg population chose not to recycle. People should think about consumption that they make," Duncan said. "For example, instead of buying mineral water, we can buy bottle water that can be used for longer period of time."

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Students dedicate break to service

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Instead of resting over winter break, 10 groups of students set out during the week to participate in service trips all around the country.

Of the 10 groups that set out to volunteer, nine were student-led and one was a class trip, led by Renee Sedlacek, service-learning coordinator.

Overall, 117 students participated. This number was about the same as last year, but lower than past years, Sedlacek said.

She said this is not due to lack of student interest.

"Our trips are based on interest in student leaders," Sedlacek said. "If we don't have leaders, we don't have a trip."

The service projects this year ranged from environmental restoration to serving meals to the homeless. There were also educational activities and afterschool programming with children, Sedlacek said.

Natalie Gemberling, student director for service trips, said there was a sustainable number of people.

"Each trip was at full capacity," Gemberling said, "so it was good."

Gemberling participated in her seventh and final service trip over the break.

She said each group was required to have 40 hours of service throughout the week.

From the feedback she has received, she said all the trips seemed to have gone well.

"I talked to participants and read the blogs, and I really do think everyone had a really good experience that they were able to expand upon what they had prepared for," she said. "It really met their expectations or went above and beyond them."

Sedlacek also said she has heard only positive things from trip participants.

She said a lot of the groups she talked to said they did a lot, worked hard and worked full days.

First year Jenna Manders went to St. Louis on her first service trip over the break.

Manders said she was pleased by the work she did with her group.

"The most satisfying part of the trip was seeing all that we had accomplished in a week's time," Manders said.

"We may not have built a home for a family, but we restored ones already available to help them get on their feet again."

Sedlacek said there was only one major problem with this year's trips. One group had to return early to avoid a string of tornados that tore across the Midwest throughout the week.

Because of the tornados, Sedlacek said she has received questions about the possibility of adding another trip to tour week service trips.

There is a possibility a trip could be planned, Sedlacek said, but there is not one at this point.

"The tricky thing with disaster management is that it takes a couple of weeks for volunteers to get mobilized," Sedlacek said.

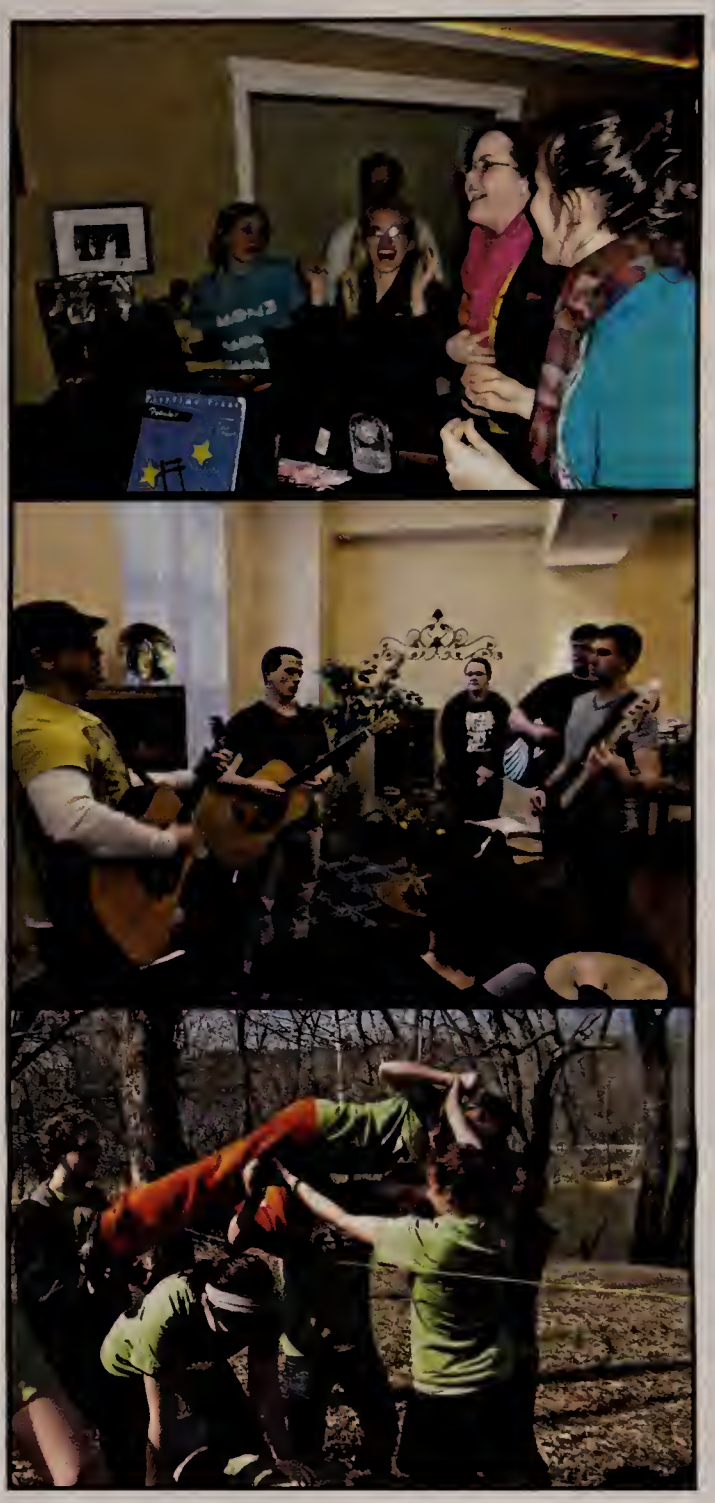
"At this point it hasn't even been a week, so it's way too early to know."

Gemberling said there are seven trips planned for tour week and they have already been meeting.

She said they have trips to Colorado, Texas, New York and everywhere in between.

Although the registration for these trips has already closed, Sedlacek said she encourages all students to consider going on trips in the future.

"You get to meet other students you may never even know existed, help a community and make a difference," Manders said. "Don't do it for yourself, do it for the others who need help as well."



Top: Hope Overflow traveled to Chicago and St. Louis performing for the "Circle of Music Tour." Middle: Hope Overflow is warming up for one of the venues they performed at. Bottom: Students worked at James River State Park in Virginia on the "Seeing Beyond the Screen: Preserving Nature for the Future trip." — **Submitted Photos**

Wartburg student auditions for 'The Voice'

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Chad Nelsen said he wasn't expecting to audition for "The Voice," but while visiting Chicago, friends convinced him to take the chance.

Chad Nelsen

Nelsen was in the Windy City for a service trip when he discovered auditions were taking place.

The second season of "The Voice" is airing right now, but auditions for third are already underway.

Nelsen said his audition process was anything but easy.

After registering online, Nelsen said he showed up at 6:30 a.m. and stood in line for at least three hours.

He was then taken into the judge's room where he auditioned with nine other people. Each was asked to sing a portion of a song of their choice.

Nelsen was the only one in his group that was asked to sing for their judge twice.

"To my joy and surprise, he gave me a yes and I was directed to another room where they informed me of my callback time and I filled out some paperwork for them," Nelsen said.

Nelsen showed up for his callback on Monday where he sang "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz in front of three judges.

"They told me they really liked my voice and they want to see me again next season, but it was a no this time. I was bummed for a while, but I realized I was lucky just to have gotten that far," Nelsen said.

Nelsen said he has been singing since before he could talk and his whole family loves music.

"All I can remember is going to lots of my older brother's concerts when I was younger, dying to be on stage. I have always loved music," he said.

While Nelsen's whole family is musically inclined, he still looks up to other performers. Nelsen said he admires the time and practice opera singers give.

There is also one professional singer in particular Nelson looks up to.

"I kind of have a man crush on Michael Buble, not gonna lie," Nelson said. "He can sing. His range, tone and control are fabulous and I would give anything to have his voice."

Nelsen may not have made it through to the show this time around, but he still plans on moving forward.

"I never really thought I would ever be considered to be on a show like 'The Voice' or 'American Idol,'" he said.

"It's crazy and I'm not done auditioning and I won't give up."

Campus group provides opportunies for musicians

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As a rapper and a poet Charles Tims said he thinks there should be an organization on campus that regularly hosts open mic nights for students to perform in front of their peers.

As a result Tims, along with fellow rapper Jordan Alexander (who prefers his moniker "J.O. the Show"), started laying the foundations for a new Wartburg student organization they dubbed "The Outlet."

"Jordan and I were in the library talking about how there weren't enough opportunities to showcase our talents to other students," Tims said.

After drafting a charter that same day, Tims said he thought he woke up and the dream had ended, but Alexander kept their vision alive by having Ta'mone Williams make promotional posters and a logo.

Soon after, the fledgling group advanced by making a Facebook page and a Twitter account so they could release a cypher, or a freestyle rap video, featuring several of Wartburg's own dropping their best lines.

The group deemed the video a success after it received several hundred views in just a few days.

After their first online video hit the group reached out to anyone who wanted to perform their talents and eventually teamed up with Holly Hejlik and Hunter Grey.

Both Hejlik and Grey are featured on the Outlet's Facebook page playing their version of the traditional blues song "House of the Rising Song."

"If we can promote the group well enough and get enough people involved, we hope to have regular jam sessions and open mic nights," Hejlik said.

Both Tims and Hejlik said musical talent is not required to be a part of their movement.

They said that, poets, dancers or any other kind of performing artists are welcome to the group's hosted events.

The first Outlet hosted event is scheduled for March 21 in the Centennial Complex Lounge.

Tims said after all of the work organizing the event is over he is excited to sit back and enjoy the show with the rest of the crowd.

Until the first event the group will be busy making more videos featuring Wartburg's best performers and posting them online to social media sites like their Facebook page and their Twitter account "theOutlet.org."

Hejlik also said the group has some big plans.

"If we get enough support we want to have a May Term festival of some kind," he said.

"If I were to come back in a year or two I want to see the Outlet hosting regular events on campus in the Lyceum or Neumann," Tims said. "One day I want to see someone become famous who was part of the Outlet."

Although the group is still working towards Wartburg Senate approval they have continued planning and have organized a secret event, Tims said.

He said students should be on the lookout for because it will have everyone on campus talking about the Outlet.

KNIGHTLIFE

Wartburg multiples discuss college life with siblings

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For some, the idea of attending a different college than their sibling was never an option. Others were excited to start their lives as an individual.

Kevin Huss, said for him and his twin, Kyle, it's just easier to be at the same college.

"We share a lot of the same things," Kevin said. "It was cheaper for my parents since they would have to buy double of everything for us if we went to two different colleges."

Nevada and Skye Morrison, chose Wartburg for different reasons.

Nevada said she always planned to stay with Skye.

"We've been together all of our lives," Nevada said. "I could not imagine myself in a different place. I wanted to share every college experience with my sibling."

Skye said she wanted to stay closer to home in Chicago, but felt pressured by her family to attend Wartburg with Nevada.

"I felt like since it was college we could separate and go different directions," Skye said, "but my family was scared of us being apart and it also makes things a lot easier. I feel like I made the best decision by choosing Wartburg."

Carmen Stevens is a triplet. One of her brothers, Dayton Stevens, attends Wartburg as well, while her other brother Dalton goes to Kirkwood Community College. Carmen said she chose Wartburg before Dayton decided to attend; she never planned on going to school with her siblings.

"At first I really didn't want Dayton to come here because I wanted to go to school and not be one of the Stevens Triplets. I wanted to be somewhere different even though it would be the first time going to school without my brothers," Carmen said. "I'm glad we go to the same school now because I think I would miss Dayton even though I would tell everyone I don't."

Even at Wartburg, Carmen and Dayton are able to live separate lives.

"We don't spend a lot of time together," Dayton said. "We can go to the same school and be independent because we're both outgoing."

Some colleges offer financial benefits for multiples. Sterling College, Kan., offers a 50 percent tuition scholarship for each twin or triplet, which came out to $9,000 each in 2009.

Lake Erie College in Ohio offers a two-for-the-price-of-one deal for multiples.

While Wartburg doesn't offer any scholarships specifically for multiples, they can receive the Legacy Grant. This is $1,500 a year to any student with a sibling who has previously attended Wartburg or is currently attending.

Kelli Holmes' twin sister attends Iowa State University. They chose different schools based on their career paths.

"I think it's really good for twins to go to different schools because it makes them go out of their comfort zone and make new friends. While I may really miss my sister at times, I think this was really good for both of us," Holmes said.

"Our entire lives we always had each other and at times it acted as a shield. You always had an instant friend even in a room full of strangers. Not having that helps us to really begin our own lives as individuals."

For each set of twins and triplets, choosing to go to college together or separately is a difficult decision. For some, separation is the right choice.

Holmes is used to being at a different college than her sister, except for one thing.

"It's not really that strange for me except when I'm home on breaks and she's in school," she said. "It gives me a chance to tease her about choosing the wrong school, which she happily returns when she's on break."

Roiseland says farewell to Culture Week

Shalom Nwaokolo and Liza Gashishow the flags of their home countries, South Sudan and Kosovo. Both countries gained their independence in the past four years. — **Oxana Protchenko** / *TRUMPET*

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Students have been working extra hard for culture week this year, said Kevin Roiseland, director of international student programs. This is Roiseland's last year at Wartburg.

"The elements are all the same, but I see that the students are putting an unparalleled amount of energy into it this year and are ahead of schedule compared to previous years," he said.

Roiseland helps the students with organizing the event, but said students do a large majority of the work.

Throughout his years at Wartburg, Roiseland has seen a great deal of change in how culture week is run on campus. He said along with it growing in size, students have been able to come out of their shell a bit more.

"The thing that I think makes it different is that it is student initiated and the substance of every event is filled in by international student creativity," he said.

Mohini Nagindas is participating in culture week for the first time this year, and she is participating in seven acts. She said she's excited to perform for Wartburg.

"I think that it is very important to have a week dedicated to celebrating diversity because it is amazing what can be done to the community when we all form a unity and come together for this event," she said.

Roiseland said the week is not only beneficial for Wartburg and Waverly, but the amount they spend is usually close to how much money they gain.

What it does bring, he said, is a greater understanding of diversity.

"It brings in huge numbers of students and community members and showcases the rich diversity that the college has in its international students," he said.

Roiseland spoke highly of the students he worked with.

Many students said they will miss not having him around next semester.

Nagindas said Roiseland has gone out of his way to enhace the college experience for international students. She said the show will be different next year without him.

The Culture Fair kicked-off the week Sunday. The Culture Week Performance is on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

For Roiseland, the event will be bittersweet, but he is excited for one last culture week.

"Seeing the students perform with so much energy and creativity is a highlight of my year and it will have me leaving on a real high note as I move on to new challenges," he said.

"I will really miss the students and interacting with them as we build events like this."

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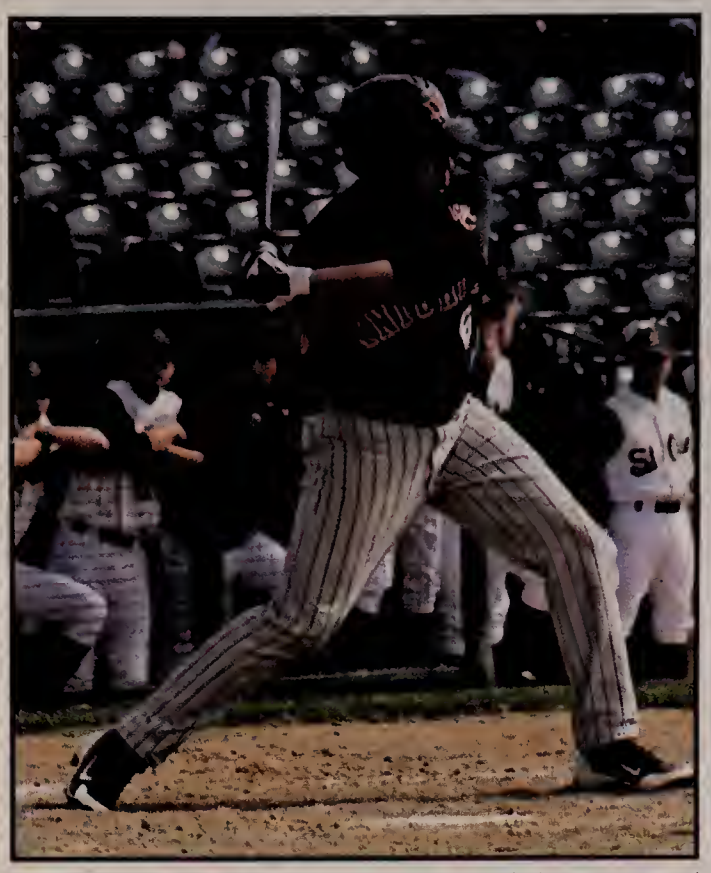
Baseball opens season in Fla., Minn.



Wartburg is off to a 4-6 start to the 2012 season including a 4-4 record at the Central Florida tournament in Orlando. —Sports Information

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The Wartburg baseball team opened the 2012 season in Orlando, Fla. over winter break by going 4-4 at the Central Florida tournament.

The Knights opened the tournament on Feb. 26 with an 8-5 victory over Farmingdale State College. Wartburg's three other wins in the tournament came against Hanover College, 7-6, Grove City College, 14-4 and Wentworth Institute of Technology, 13-11.

The top batters for the Knights in the tournament were Blake Wilson with a .630 batting average, Ryan Doty with nine RBIs and Ryan Powers with seven RBIs.

Scott Benson was the leading starting pitcher for the team as he recorded a 2.08 ERA in 13.0 innings. Closer Chase Hirschauer pitched 4.2 innings with a 0.00 ERA with two saves.

Head coach Joel Holst saw a lot of encouraging things in their eight games in Fla. but said that the team needs to put the pieces together on a regular basis.

"We're kind of an inconsistent ball club right now", Holst said. "We had a couple of one-run losses that were tough".

The Knights do not have a single senior on their 2012 roster. In spite of their absence, Holst believes his juniors have strong leadership abilities that will shine through this season.

"We have a big junior group and a big sophomore group," Holst said. "We have a number of guys who have been in those situations before and tremendous great chemistry".

On Thursday, the Knights played their first doubleheader in the Midwest in the H.H.H. Metrodome against Augsburg. The first game was a tight one before the Knights lost the game on a walk-off hit by pitch in the bottom of the eighth to give the Auggies a 2-1 victory in game one.

Game two was not much better as neither Wartburg's offense or defense could not get going in the 10-0 loss.

Pitcher Scott Benson struck out eight and walked two in 7 2/3 innings of work in game one. However, the offense couldn't back him up and he was tagged with a loss that evened up his record at 1-1.

Wartburg continues its non-conference play next week when they return to Minneapolis to face St. Olaf in a doubleheader Tuesday beginning at 9:45 p.m.

Wartburg returns four All-Conference players from last season including pitcher/outfielder Michael Schinstock, infielder/pitcher Ryan Doty, outfielder Andrew Krehbiel and infielder Drew Yoder.

The team has been picked to finish tied for third with Central by the IIAC coaches and behind Coe and Buena Vista.

The Knights will begin conference play in less than two weeks when they travel to Pella for three games with the Central Dutch on March 23 and 24.

Softball begins 2012 season

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The 2012 Wartburg softball team opened their season with a trio of games in Rochester, Minn., followed by a trip to Clermont, Fla. for 10 games over the course of winter break.

The team returned to Iowa with a 3-11 record including victories over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Hanover College and Northwestern College of Minn.

"We definitely have a lot to still work on but we're definitely making progress in the right direction. We're a very young team so we're still building," junior infielder/outfielder Ashley Bienemann said.

The Knights dropped four games in Rochester including two to Augsburg by scores of 12-11 and 4-2. The Knights then fell to Gustavus Adolphus, 10-2, and Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 7-3.

Wartburg made the trip to Florida and opened the week with two wins on Feb. 27. The Knights defeated Rose-Hulman, 8-1, and Hanover, 5-4.

"We definitely had a lot of fun together as a team and grew and got to learn each other and how each other acts and plays on the field," Bienemann said.

The Knights opened their trip on Feb. 28 with an 8-1 victory against Rose-Hulman.

Katie Wyman, Katie Canney and Emily Braem all had two RBIs for the Knights. Lynn Heitkamp went 3-4 with a walk and a run.

Hayley Woszcynski pitched seven innings giving up just one hit and one run.

Later that day, Wartburg held off a late Hanover rally for a 5-4 lead. Hanover left the bases loaded in the final inning, down by one, as Wartburg got two straight outs to win.

Wartburg led 6-1 against Northwestern, but the Eagles scored three runs in the fifth inning to make it 6-4. Once again, Wartburg held off a late rally for their third win of the season.

Canney, a freshman, is the top batter so far this season with a .404 batting average and 15 RBIs.

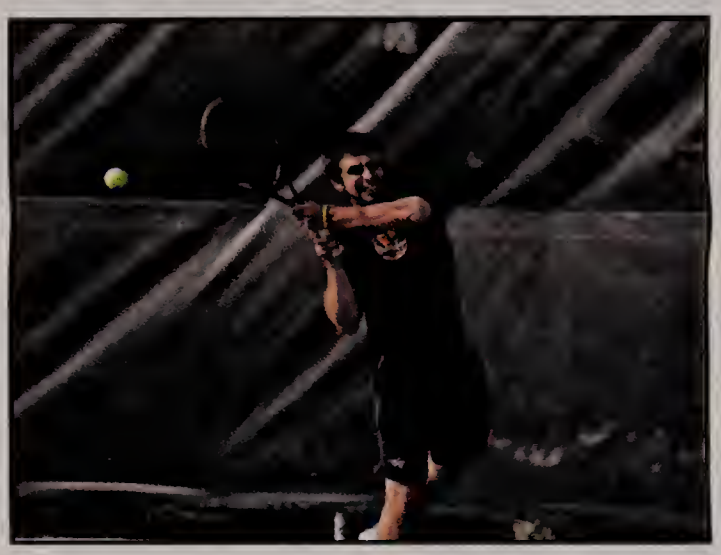
"She's a freshman that has really stood up in key situations so far," Bienemann said.

The leading pitcher for the Knights is Woszczynski, also a freshman, with an ERA of 2.10 and a 2-5 record.

The Knights took two weeks off after their winter break trip and will return to action against Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. on Friday at 4 p.m.

"Our goals are to keep improving and building the program and make it to the conference tournament and hopefully farther than that," Bienemann said.

The IIAC season will open on March 31 in Cedar Rapids against Coe at 2 p.m. Wartburg will not play their first home game until April 7 against Cornell at 2 p.m.



Chris Buckingham won his match in No. 1 singles, 6-3, 6-2, against Loras on Saturday. Buckingham has a season record of 8-2. —File Photo

Tennis sweeps Loras 9-0

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All six men's tennis players won singles matches and all three double's teams also won leading to a 9-0 sweep of the Loras Duhawks on Saturday.

Head coach Matt Tyler said the wind was blowing which made for some interesting matches but he said the team played great.

In No. 1 singles, Chris Buckingham defeated Loras' Jon Moore, 6-3, 6-2. Brian Rasmussen defeated Brian Falvey 6-0, 6-4 in No. 2 singles

"Everyone played really well but those two guys, in my mind, were our best wins," said Tyler.

Freshman Eric Hilpert defeated John Keane 6-2, 6-3 in No. 3 singles.

Blayne Willadsen then beat Jeff Kasel in No. 4 singles, 6-1, 6-0. Dayton Stevens beat Justin Gonner in No. 5 singles, 6-3, 6-2 and Josh Trueblood defeated Justin Steines, 7-5, 6-0 in No. 6 singles.

Buckingham and Trueblood teamed up to beat Falvey and Moore in No. 1 doubles, 8-4. Stevens and Rasmussen defeated Seines and Keane 8-4 in No. 2 doubles and Willadsen and Hilpert defeated Livingston and Kasel, 8-0 in No. 3 singles.

The Knights (7-4, 1-3) will have the week off from matches before returning to the courts on Saturday, March 24 at home against Dubuque at 4 p.m.

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Wartburg softball starts season 7
The spring sports season has begun for the Knights. Baseball and softball inside.

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Tuesday	Baseball vs. St. Olaf
Friday	Softball @ Westminster College
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	Softball @ Evangel University
Sunday	Softball @ Stephens College
	Baseball vs. Gustavus Adolphus

The national champion Knights wrestling team poses with their trophy after winning their second straight title. The Knights sent a wrestler to all 10 weight classes, and sent five to the finals, with four winning as individuals. Byron Tate became the second person in school history to become a three time individual champion. — **Sports Information**

Wrestling wins ninth NCAA title

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The Wartburg Knights Wrestling team won their ninth NCAA national championship this past weekend and their second in a row.

The Knights won the meet over their rivals Augsburg 141.5 points to 86.5. This happens just one week after the New York Times wrote an article describing the "Battle of the Burgs," and stating that either Wartburg or Augsburg wins nationals.

The Knights sent five wrestlers to the finals, while eight of them were All-Americans after the first day of competition.

On day two, the Knights took home four national championships, including Byron Tate who won his third straight NCAA title and became just the second Wartburg wrestler to be a three time All-American and the first to do so at 197-pounds.

The first to do it was Dustin Hinschberger from 2004-06.

Other national champions were Kenny Anderson at 125-pounds, Kodie Silvestri at 141-pounds and Landon Williams at 165-pounds.

Silvestri was named the NWCA's most outstanding wrestler.

"We always talk about everyone on the team firing on all cylinders at the same time," co-head coach Eric Keller said. "I think we got as close to that as we have [all season]."

Keller also said the Knights have never won three titles in a row, and that he just put that on his goals for next year.

Wartburg loses three members of the team that placed in the national meet, and only lose one champion in Tate.

This is head coach Jim Miller's ninth title as well. Miller has been the head coach for Wartburg for each national title since the first on in 1996, and this is the third repeat for the team.

They repeated in 2003-04 and 2008-09.

The women's track team stands with their third national championship trophy. The Knights had three individual champions and won the 4x400 meter relay. The Knights have a week off before outdoor. — **Sports Information**

Women's track wins NCAA, Elsume wins first title for men's team

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The Wartburg Knights women's track and field team won their third national track and field championship, while Jonus Elsume won the first individual national title for the men at Grinnell last weekend.

The women set a new meet record of 99 points, defeating second place University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

The Knights had three individual national titles along with one relay in their victory.

On day one the Knights took home their first individual title when Skye Morrison won the long jump with a winning jump of 20'3".

The Knights also placed third in the distance medley relay on day one.

The Knights success continued on day two with Nevada Morrison winning the 400 meter dash with a time of 55.8. The Morrisons made NCAA history, as both won a national title at the same meet.

Jonus Elsume won the long jump for the men and earned the first ever national title for the men in school history. — **Sports Information**

"It's pretty special for them, and their family and the Wartburg track and field family," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

Laura Sigmund won the 5,000 meter run in her first ever national track and field meet, with a time of 17:01.82, and the Knights 4x400 meter relay team won the event with a time of 3:45.66.

Elsume won the long jump with a jump of 23'10.75".

The Knights will take a week off before getting back into action in the outdoor season.